

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated September 10, 2007, the Examiner restricted the claims into four Groups as follows:

Group I -- Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-16, 18, 19, 29-33, 36 and 38.

Group II -- Claim 2.

Group III -- Claims 3 and 17.

Group IV -- Claims 20 – 24, 26 – 28, 34, 35, and 37.

This election is without traverse.

Applicants respond to the Examiner's restriction requirement by electing Group III, claims 3 and 17.

Also, the dependency of claims 4, 5, 7 - 9, 11, and 18 has been changed so that each depends on elected claim 3, instead of on non-elected claim 1. Thus, claims 4, 5, and 7 - 19 are also being maintained with the elected claims 3 and 17.

The amendment to claim 3 to delete "for" is to attend to a minor editorial correction.

Claims 1, 2, 20 – 24, 26 – 28, 34, 35, and 37 are being canceled due to being directed to non-elected inventions.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisionals on any non-elected inventions.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and examination of the application in due course. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve any questions regarding the present application in order to expedite examination of this application.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Although the \$60.00 fee (small entity) for the Petition for the 1-month extension is being

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paid by electronic funds transfer, regardless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit, or to debit any amount owed, associated with this communication to:

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Date: October 19, 2007

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Encl.: Petition for Extension of Time for 1 month